

## AGGIE ATHLETIC LETTER WINNERS FLAY 'ROWDIES'

Indignation Meet Follows Unsportsmanlike Friday Night Scene

**STILLWATER.** Feb. 25.—At an indignation meeting here Saturday afternoon attended by men who have won the "O" in athletics at Oklahoma A. & M. college by alumnus and by the college coaches and athletic officials, it was announced cordially that the Aggies by a certain element of rowdies at indoor sports events this winter was severely condemned.

Friday night's spectacle when during the Tulsa university and A. & M. college basketball game Ferrero Jamison called four foul against the Aggies because of "boozing" by the crowd brought the matter to a head.

At intervals during the year similar occurrences had caused criticism.

The letter men's association took the lead in calling the meeting which was organized by the majority of Aggie fans who favor clean sportsmanship. A resolution condemning the display of rowdism was passed, as was another which proposed a campaign of education if the plan of teaching by example does not work, then, the resolution said, "other means will be used."

With Lett's leadership the organization was instructed to present the case to the crowd before Saturday night's game started. The "O" men wearing sweaters, are to sit on the front row of seats at all games. Claims that the crowd lost the game were made.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Dr. E. R. Mullbach, coach, Johnny Maubetsch, and Coach Johnny Maubetsch. Maubetsch declared that the exhibition Friday night was worse he ever saw, told of tactics used in other colleges and made a plea for rigid observance of fair play by the crowds. During the game last night Maubetsch stepped onto the court and asked the Aggemen to behave. He said it afterward that Jamison's officiating was the best he had seen during the year.

Director Gallagher said at the meeting that the greatest obstacle confronting Oklahoma A. & M. college in gaining membership in the Missouri Valley conference is the somewhat general impression that the Aggies are unsportsmanlike. He said that many of officials and coaches with whom he had talked told him that. He asserted, however, that no complaint had ever been made against the Aggie team.

## HARDING AGAINST CRIPPLING NAVY

Warns Congress Against Going Too Far With Pruning Program

**WASHINGTON.** Feb. 25.—A timely warning was given to the republicans in today's meeting against too far in reducing the size of the American navy.

The warning, which was more in the nature of a strong hint, was conveyed by President Harding to the members of the house naval affairs committee at a white house conference.

"Full Exchange of Views."

Members of the committee were summoned to the white house by the president and there was a full exchange of views as to the cutting and slashing that is to be done to the American navy. No figures were set and no program was agreed upon, it was stated by those participating, the meeting resolving itself into an amicable discussion of opinion.

Republican members of congress, with an eye to the coming congressional election, and the course of the economy, showing have recently been predicting wholesale surgery in the appropriations and personnel of the navy.

Some congressmen believe that a navy of 60,000 men is strong enough for the next year and are figuring on appropriations accordingly.

**Denby Wants 90,000 Men.**

Secretary of the Navy Denby believes that 90,000 men should be the absolute minimum for the navy, of course, reflected by the high ranking officials of the service.

Many of them consider it too low.

President Harding, it is understood, informed members of the committee today that he would be very reluctant to see the navy go below 60,000, a compromise figure.

The naval committee is divided.

Others are "big navy" men and "little navy" men both on the committee, as well as a number who stand between the two extremes.

Today's conference was more in the nature of a "get together" meeting to find out just where matters stand. It is understood that the president called the conference at the behest of Secretary Denby.

**Would Keep Full Fleet.**

President Denby advised the committee members that the 18 battleships authorized by the armament conference should by all means be kept afloat and ready for duty. It would be bad policy, he believed, to reduce the navy to the extent of not keeping these ships fit.

President Harding's suggestions were used in a compromise variety. He advised members of the committee to authorize the conversion of two battle cruisers now building into airplane carriers. \$19,000,000 has already been spent on each of the ships, one of which is being built at River Haven, Mass., and the other at Newport News.

The president endorsed the idea of cutting down the size of the naval classes at Annapolis by 10 per cent and he informed members of the committee he thought it would be unsafe to turn the present graduating class back to civilian life without some compensation as to their education in congress. The president also urged that there be no reduction in the authorized strength of the navy now at 106,000. Keep the authorized strength as it is, he advised, in order to retain the necessary ships to be available to be necessary for speedy enforcement and training duty in time of emergency. The reduction from the authorized strength could be effected, he advised without much friction.

## 'Tis a Gay Life

A clever young fellow named Mayle At hitting the ball was a whaley; He swatted a drop



That knocked out a cop And they had to bayle Mayle out of jail.

A fan, out of work for a year, Found that paying admission was dear.



TAKEN UP—Building, phone Osage 176.

TAKEN UP—Horse, phone Osage 1882.

TAKEN UP—Horn, phone Osage 188